

BASEBALL CAMPS---GOSSIPS---SQUADS---YACHTING---GOSSIP

GIANTS KEPT IN BY A HEAVY DOWNPOUR

Are Prevented From Making an Official Training Start at San Antonio.

BIG WORK IN DINING ROOM

Division of Coaching Work

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By DANIEL.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, San Antonio, Tex., March 2.—This day was to have marked the official start of training by the entire staff of the Giants at the Texas League Park, but as matters turned out most of the work was done in the dining room of the Menger. A heavy rain, which has been sweeping in and out of this city for a couple of days, forced a postponement of the training. The deluge came down with Texas enthusiasm, but late this afternoon the clear blue showed again and gave promise of a workout at the park to-morrow morning.

When the lustrous trenchmen were counted this morning it was found that there were nine conspicuous absentees. These are John McGraw, George Kelly, George Burns, Earl Smith, Dave Bancroft, Fred Toney, Mike Gonzales, Joe Lupp and Benny Kauff. McGraw, Burns and Gonzales are on their way from Havana and will be here to-morrow. Kelly, who accepted the club's terms the other day, is on his way from California, while Rapp is expected early in the morning. The \$15,000 insider, who will be watched here so closely, was to have joined the main division at St. Louis, but he missed connections.

Hugh Jennings and Jesse Burkett, who in the absence of McGraw are in charge of the players, regretted greatly that they were not able to get started to-day. They had hoped to present some sort of organization by the time McGraw arrived. And besides, the first game with the San Antonio club is scheduled for Saturday—and let it be whispered that John Joseph hates to lose a game to a bush league outfit about as much as he dislikes dropping a contest during the pennant race. The Giants have the best training trip record in the majors and McGraw is jealous of it.

Waiting for McGraw.

Just how the coaching work will be divided will not be determined until McGraw takes charge. There is no regular coach of pitchers, but it seems likely that a few of the veteran hurlers will be asked to help out in that department. Burkett, who has great success with young pitchers at Holy Cross College, no doubt will be asked to take charge of the recruit fingers and the outfielders, too.

Jennings will supervise the infielders and act as general assistant to McGraw. Dick Kinsella, the scout, is here, too. He has just come from Havana, where he saw McGraw. Kinsella's mission is a mystery. He may have come to assist McGraw in picking the wheat from the chaff.

In speaking of the young pitchers Burkett this evening declared that he was confident that at least one of them would stick and help materially in the pennant race—and his name is Bill Ryan. Burkett developed Ryan at Holy Cross and recommended him, along with Jigger Stats and Emmerson Bowen, to the Giants. Stats and Bowen have gone to the minors without a Giant string attached to them, but Ryan is back from Toronto with this determination to make a regular place on the team or go into the stock brokerage business in Stockton, Cal.

"Ryan is a remarkable pitcher. He has the kind of stuff," said Burkett. "Why come of the stuff he put on the ball when I had him baffled me. I did not know just what it was. I followed him very closely after he reported to the Giants last September, from winning nineteen games for Toronto, and I want to tell you that he is ready. Ryan will not go down again. Paste that in your hat and call me a real prophet along about May 15."

One of the local papers to-day had the Giants playing lotto in their rooms. The lotto was something or other, but it wasn't lotto, and none of the numbers were seen to call.

Poi Peritt and Slim Salles are back with the Giants, as error to start training as the most enthusiastic of the rookies. The old boys are on this trip not as stars, but as pitchers who will try to prove that they are worth keeping. It is a great difference a few years will make.

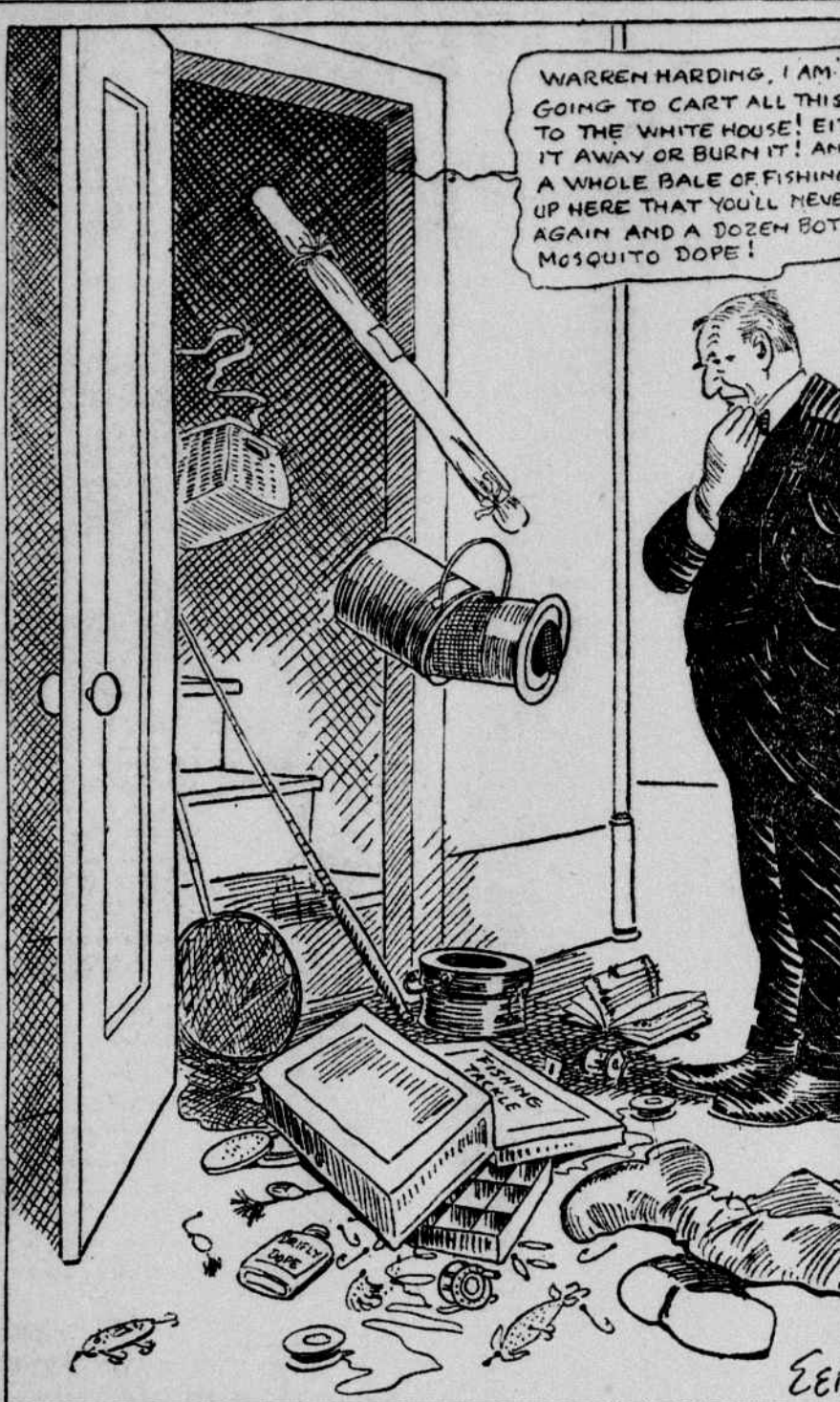
It had been reported that Rube Benton was a holdout, but the left hander, in early, carrying the load smile and the old home as well.

At luncheon this noon war correspondents with the Giants and the Tigers were the guests of the Lions Club. They gave the press representatives a typical Texas welcome and made them feel right at home.

Notes of the Giants.

With the Giants at the Menger and the Texas League Park and the Detroit club at the Travellers and Hendersons Park, this city is quite a baseball centre. San Antonio never before had two major league clubs training here, and as a result the whole town is talking.

A Voice From the Attic of a House in Marion



JOHNNY MITCHELL JOINS THE YANKS

Squad at Shreveport Is Fast Increasing—Hoffman Hits a Home Run.

By WILLIAM B. HANNA.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Shreveport, La., March 2.—Twenty-eight baseball players, each with a chance to make the team but not all of whom will do so, are in the Yankee training camp, and the 1921 spring roster names nineteen more who aren't here yet. There were nineteen more when this was written, but there may be less by the time it is on the wire, for every team from the station disgorge some Yankee hopeful.

This morning's arrivals were Johnny Mitchell, the Vernon shortstop, the whole of the Yankees gave money and a batch of players; Bill Piercey, the coast pitcher, who is coming up to New York for the third time, and Nelson Hawke, an outfielder, who played with Calgary last year.

The pace to-day was not quite as brisk as yesterday, and in the afternoon was stopped by a shower. The most exciting afternoon had a hitherto unannounced infield consisting of Hawke at first base, Mitchell at second, McMillan at short and Gault at third. With Hawke at first Devermore had a chance to go back to the plate, his home position.

Mitchell moved easily at second. Mitchell is old and was enough not to extend himself at this time of the year and moved around easily at second in the manner of a player who makes his play look easy. As Mitchell can play either second or short and as McMillan appears to be promising shortstop material Huggins had the latter in the place again and gave him a change in the afternoon. He picks up points quickly and he sets his throws away with pleasing quickness.

Fred Hoffman had his uniform on this morning, and so did Chick Fewster. Fewster played second base and operated with vivacity and energy. He put in a busy morning and didn't practice in the afternoon. One practice a day is all Dr. Huggins has ordered for him for the present, but he told him not to go to the races in the afternoon. Hoffman cracked a ball over the left field fence before he had had a bat in his hand five minutes.

Jack Quinn, though it was a first day for him, was in uniform in both drills. He tossed the ball for half an hour altogether, and did nothing else. The full programme of batting practice was had in the afternoon before the rain came, and with these pitchers twirling: Sheehan, Doyle, Johnson, Ferguson and Piercey. Piercey brought new spirit with him from California, and most of the boxmen are using just now. But Sheehan and Doyle opened out in the morning a bit more than some of the onlookers thought. He whipped in with the bat and met the ball better, though still with a tendency to hit under it.

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Celebrates His 92d Birthday on Links

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PINEHURST, N. C., March 2.—Dwight N. Clark of Woodbridge, Conn., dean of Pinehurst golfers, celebrated his ninety-second birthday here to-day by playing the nine hole putting course in twenty-nine strokes, including four aces. A large number of his friends attended a dinner given by the Holly Inn in his honor this evening.

Mr. Clark, who was characterized by Walter Travis as the greatest golfer of his age in the world, has been coming regularly to Pinehurst for nearly twenty seasons. His most remarkable golfing feat, performed when he was eighty-four years old, was shown in the morning, when he played 100 consecutive hole rounds on 101 consecutive work days.

His best score in recent years was a forty-five for a nine hole round, played at the age of eighty-eight.

ing to make it no clutch that Schank will have first call on the backstop job.

Jack Quinn and young Gault, a catcher, had a collision. Gault chased a foul up to where Quinn was waiting to catch it. Quinn "looked out" failed to make them look out and they collided and tumbled. Neither was hurt.

Camp Skinner, a green land from Georgia, but likable and willing, is not big league timber yet, but seems to be on his way. He has natural qualifications, and he doesn't mind the game and a splendid eye. "I don't know anything about the game," he told Bob Gilka, the scout. "Well," answered Gilka, "you're the kind that'll learn if that is the case."

The silent Ferguson is taking his time, going at just enough of a clip to work up to an edge by easy degrees, and in the same quiet, observing and unobtrusive figure as on previous training trips. He is the daddy of all silent men.

CHAMPIONS IN N. Y. A. C. MEET.

The events to be decided on Saturday night at the annual midwinter games of the New York Athletic Club in the armory of the Twenty-second Regiment will give a good line on the probable outcome of the national indoor championships later in the month.

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Baseball Notes From Far and Near

CINCINNATI, March 2.—Eleven players of the Cincinnati National League baseball club assembled here and left for the South to-day, headed by Manager Pat Moran. Other players who did not come to Cincinnati to-day were: George Burns, Earl Smith, Dave Bancroft, Fred Toney, Mike Gonzales, Joe Lupp and Benny Kauff.

SLOVAKIA IS LATEST TENNIS CHALLENGER

New Republic Cables Bid for Davis Cup—Entry List Now a Record.

By SAMUEL J. BROOKMAN.

Still they come. The seventh challenge for the Davis Cup reached the office of the United States Lawn Tennis Association yesterday, this time from the new republic of Czechoslovakia, which has nine representatives in the Olympic tennis championship at Antwerp last summer. Tennis has taken quite a hold in this latest aspiring nation, which has a tennis organization of fifty clubs. While none of its members showed international calibre in the Olympic event, in several instances they forced prominent players to extend themselves to eliminate them.

Short and to the point was the cablegram received: "Czechoslovakia Association challenge Davis Cup." In the order of their arrival the challenges to date have come from Spain, Australia, England, India, France, the Philippines and Slovakia, and the list now surmounts any previous entry. Up to this point the record entry was that of 1914, when six nations contested for the privilege of meeting Australia in the challenge round.

In the list of the Olympic tennis results of last year shows the names of Arlet, Bures, Hyke, Joz, Popelka, Try, Wolek, Zemla and Mile. Krobkova was defeated from Czechoslovakia. None progressed very far. A. E. Beamish of England eliminated Wolek in the opening round in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3, and M. Alonso of Spain defeated Joz, 6-2, 6-2, 6-0. In the second round Beamish of Sweden outscored Zemla three sets out of four, and Arlet, after a splendid showing, had to acknowledge defeat to the hands of Beamish in the doubles Zemia and Arlet defeated the Laux brothers of France, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, and then dropped out in the second round, after a close match with North and Raymond of South Africa, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0. Raymond it was who won the singles championship by defeating Ichika Kurnage in the final.

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VEEPAH GOLFER MAKES 'COME BACK'

After Five Year Layoff From Competition Norman Macbeth Wins California Title.

By KERR N. PETRIE.

After being out of competitive golf for five or six years Norman Macbeth, of Los Angeles, has returned to the links to disprove the old sporting theory, for on the new angle course last week he won the amateur championship of Northern California. Macbeth went right on and won the title by a score of 4 up and 2 to play. This victory merely goes to demonstrate that once a man comes into a sound game modelled on orthodox lines he need never worry about a little layoff. Practice will put him back in the championship set, providing, of course, that meanwhile he has kept himself in good physical shape.

Form students in the early part of the tournament discovered that Macbeth was "the class." And, as it proved, it was class that old Macbeth went right on and virtually assured himself of the honors when he bowled over Jack Neville in the semi-final by 4 and 3. This contest was decided in a gale of wind, but despite the conditions the Southern Californian played the first nine holes in 36, the best card made throughout the tournament. Neville made a grand fight of it after that and at one stage of the afternoon game it is stated that he looked as if he meant to pull the game out of the fire. However, he had been no less than seven holes behind and that morning state, and this proved to be a handicap too great for him to overcome.

It is learned also that the crisis for Macbeth came in an earlier round, against a young player when the former's putting touch completely left him. Macbeth had been putting with an old wooden club, a favorite, as might be supposed. This club he promptly abandoned and soon had found renewed confidence in another.

Julius E. Macbeth is back in Philadelphia after having experienced the sensation of making the first hole at Palm Beach in one of and almost scoring another ace on the same place the next time out. Another interesting note was that of an English player on the Sudbury course little more than a week ago, who, while enjoying a stroke handicap, went down with his first swipe on a hole of 130 yards.

It looks very much as if the Massachusetts amateur championship this year will go to the links of the Worcester Country Club. In the sixteen times for which the State title has been played Bruce Burn has had it four times. Worcester has won the title in 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 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